



ST CARLO ACUTIS EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION WITH
FIRST CLASS RELIC

The Legion of Mary is hosting the exhibition of St Carlo Acutis and his Eucharistic Miracles from:

16-28 July - 10am - 3pm,
at Magnificat House, 456 Queensberry St North Melbourne.

There will also be a first-class relic in the exhibition.

Out of hours visits are available by contacting 0423 838 756, or vicepresident@legionofmary.net.au

VOCATIONS EXPO

The Melbourne Vocations Office and ACU Campus Ministry are hosting a Vocations Expo on **Saturday 1 August 2026**. Archbishop Peter Comensoli will be the keynote speaker, alongside speakers representing Catholic Religious Orders, the Diocesan Priesthood, and married life.

The event is open to all ages; however, attendees under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The event is free to attend, but registrations are required. To register, or for more information, find the flyer on our noticeboard or go to: trybooking.com/DNKHK



PARISH FUNDRAISING

Following our recent Thanksgiving and Fundraising report, we are in urgent need of donations to complete the remaining roof repairs, which will cost around \$60,000. We will also need funds for work and repair to the parish office, meeting rooms and presbytery building. (The verandah enveloping the building, which is heritage classified, is in a bad state, requiring urgent repairs). The estimated cost is \$150,000.

A copy of our financial report is on our noticeboard with details on how you can donate. You can also scan the QR code to make a donation to our *Roof Restoration fund*.

Thank you for your help, and generosity!



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA) CLASSES

Do you or anyone you know, want to enter the Catholic Church?

For adults who are interested in entering the Catholic Church and receiving the Sacraments of Baptism and/or Confirmation (Easter 2027), classes will commence: **Sunday 9 August**.

Don't wait - enquire now! For more info email: info@stmaryswestmelbourne.org



CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

There is still time to enroll your child in Confirmation classes. These are held after the 10am Sunday Mass. The Confirmation ceremony will take place on: **Sunday 15 November** at St Mary Star of the Sea . For registration and more information, please contact the parish office or email: info@stmaryswestmelbourne.org

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN - OUR POLICY AND COMMITMENT

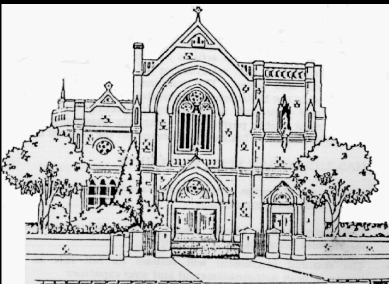
At St Mary Star of the Sea, we are committed to upholding the safety and dignity of each child and young person, ensuring that they are able to grow and develop in a caring and supportive environment in our church. This commitment is extended to clergy, employees, and volunteers at our church, regardless of their role or responsibility to act to safeguard children and young people from child abuse. (For more information, please read our Safeguarding Policy on our website, or on our noticeboard in the foyer).

DAILY MASS READINGS AND RESPONSES

All daily Mass readings and responses to votive Masses can now be accessed on our website via the QR code.



WEEKDAY MASSES					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 JULY	28 JULY	29 JULY	30 JULY	31 JULY	1 AUGUST
VOTIVE MASS FOR THE FAMILY	VOTIVE MASS OF THE ANGELS	SAINTS MARTHA, MARY AND LAZARUS	SAINT PETER CHRYSOLOGUS	SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA	SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI
Mass: 7am,12:30pm Pg.	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg.	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 462-463	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 623	Mass:7am,12:30pm Pg. 463-464	Mass:10:00 am Pg. 465-466



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HOME TO THE ARCHDIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE HOLY FAMILY

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



JESUS in his preaching compared the Kingdom of God to a treasure hidden in a field. The man who finds it doesn't hesitate to sell everything he owns to acquire that land. This image has often been used to illustrate not only the call to follow Christ, but also the experience of a more specific calling that God sometimes addresses to people. God has reserved a treasure for each of us, and to find it we need to sell everything we have. However, a question naturally arises: How do I begin to search for that land where the treasure might be waiting for me? How do I choose the land I need to buy? Or, more directly: How can I discover my own vocation, be it to the married life, as a parent, to the priesthood, or, indeed, to rediscovermy path to holiness as a Christian?

To answer this question, Saint Josemaría Escrivá often said that it isn't possible "to offer pre-fabricated formulas, or rigid methods or rules." That would be like trying "to put rails on the ever-original action of the Holy Spirit," who blows where He wills. The paths to God are as varied as the number of people. The Gospel shows us a common trait in all those who are sincerely interested in discovering the land where the treasure is found: their restless heart. Nicodemus, upon hearing about Jesus' teachings, wanted to know if this man was truly the Messiah; his heart was filled with doubts and uncertainties, and therefore he only dared to approach Jesus at night in search of an answer. The rich young man, on his part, felt dissatisfied with the upright life he was leading, and so he went eagerly to Christ to ask what he had to do to attain eternal life.

These persons, like so many others, were "seekers;" they were waiting for something that would change their life and fill it with adventure. When the saints discovered a specific path as their vocation, they eagerly opened their hearts. They dreamed of greater intimacy with God, and were excited about helping the Church grow; they longed for a life in which they could use their talents, and desired to help alleviate the suffering in the world. And they gave free rein to this restlessness through their dialogue with God: "What do you want from me? What do these desires and longings in my heart mean?" In our own lives, God leaves us signs that, when brought to Him in prayer, form a recognizable pattern that can show us where the hidden treasure lies.

But it's not a question of waiting for a plan that is set out to the last detail. God has given us a field, but He also counts on our initiative, on what we think, on what we really want and do. Only if I choose the path is it possible to walk along it, to live what I have chosen. Every vocation has a dose of uncertainty that God has wanted in order to safeguard our freedom, so that we take the first step. To see the star, like the Magi, it is necessary to set out on the journey, because God's plans always surpass us; they go beyond our own limitations.

There is a further question that one might ask once that treasure has been found: what can I do with it? The riches discovered offer a wealth of possibilities for improving one's own life and the lives of others. Similarly, the discovery of a vocation enriches our own existence, opens us to a happiness that surpasses our expectations, and also illumines the lives of those God has placed alongside us.

To those who care for this treasure and make it multiply, God has promised to receive them in his Kingdom: "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master" (Mt 25:21). But our Lord doesn't wait for Heaven to reward his children. Already in this life, he introduces them to that divine joy with fruits of holiness and virtue, drawing out the best in each person and their talents. The principal gift He offers us is Himself, his friendship and presence within our heart: "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him" (Jn 14:23). "Our Lord has wished to deposit in our heart a most precious treasure," Saint Josemaría said. "God our Lord dwells in us, with all his greatness. In our hearts we find a Heaven." [4]

PARISH PERSONNEL

Parish Priest:
Fr Andrew Paris

Priests in Residence:
Fr Anthony Bernal
Fr Peter Fitzsimons

Parish Office Administrator:
Yvonne Kee.

Communications:
Michelle Komadina

Sacred Music Centre Director:
Andrew Mariotti.

RCIA Coordinator:
Mimi Lee

Office booking hours:
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday :
10.00 am – 2.00 pm.

For urgent matters, you can contact:
Fr Andrew on 0404932862

MASS TIMES

Sunday:
10.00 am
5:00 pm

Monday to Friday:
7:00 am
12.30 pm

Saturday:
10.00 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday:
9.30 am – 9:55 am
10:35 am – 1100 am

Sunday:
9:15 am
4:15 pm

Monday to Friday:
Before and after 7:00 am Mass
12:00 noon – 12:25 pm
1:05 pm – 1:30 pm
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

and any other time when requested if possible

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

Please check our website for more information.

DEVOTIONS AND ACTIVITIES.

Eucharistic Adoration:
Thursdays 1:00 pm – 1:30 pm.

Legion of Mary:
4:00 pm Mondays at the presbytery.

Holy Rosary:
Mon – Fri & Sun before Mass
Saturday after 10am Mass

Theology Lectures:
Sundays 11:30 am.

Young Families:
Every Sundays after 10 am Mass

Faith Formation Program:
Check our website and noticeboard for more details



Mass Setting
Mass of St Francis
For music notation/
lyrics, please
scan the QR code

Entrance: The kingdom of God (CWBII 616)

1. The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
for Jesus restores what sin would
destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we
know;
and here and hereafter the kingdom
shall grow.

2. The kingdom of God is mercy and
grace;
the captives are freed, the sinners find
place,
the outcast are welcomed God's
banquet to share;
and hope is awakened in place of
despair.

3. The kingdom of God is challenge and
choice:
believe the good news, repent and
rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to
the cross:
our crisis of judgement for gain or for
loss.

4. God's kingdom is come, the gift and
the goal;
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer
his call;
and all things cry “Glory!” to God all in
all.

Text: Byrn A. Rees, b.1911, © M. E. Rees
Tune: HANOVER

Offertory: I love you, O Lord most high (CWBII 513)

1. I love you, O my Lord most high,
for first your love has captured me;
I seek no other liberty:
bound by your love, I shall be free.

2. May memory no thought suggest
but shall to your pure glory tend;
may understanding find no rest,
except in you, its only end.

3. All mine is yours: say but the word,
say what you will, it shall be done;
I know your love, most gracious Lord;
I know you seek my good alone.

4. Apart from you, all things are naught,
so grant me this, my only wish,
to love you, Lord, eternally,
you give me all in giving this.

Text: St Ignatius Loyola (d. 1491-1556)
tr. Edward Caswall (1814-1878) alt.
Tune: DANIEL

Communion: Father, we give you thanks (CWBII 485)

1. Father, we give you thanks, who
planted
your holy name within our hearts.
Knowledge and faith and life immortal
Jesus your Son to us imparts.
Lord, you have made all for your pleas-
ure,
and giv’n us food for all our days,
giving in Christ the Bread eternal;
yours is the pow’r, be yours the praise.

2. Watch o’er your Church, O Lord, in
mercy,
save it from evil, guard it still.
and in your love unite, perfect it,
cleanse and conform it to your will.

As grain, once scattered on the hillsides,
was in the broken bread made one,
so may your worldwide Church be gath-
ered
into your kingdom by your Son.

Text: Based on the Didache, c 110 A.D.;
trans F. Bland Tucker, 1895-1984, alt.
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Tune: RENDEZ A DIEU

Recessional: Mary Immaculate, star of the morning (NLPH 150)

1.Mary Immaculate, Star of the
morning,
chosen before the creation began,
chosen to bring, for thy bridal adorning,
woe to the serpent and rescue to man.

2. Here in an orbit of shadow and
sadness veiling thy splendour, thy
course thou hast run;
now thou art throned in all glory and
gladness,
crowned by the hand of thy Saviour and
son.

3. Sinners, we worship thy sinless
perfection;
fallen and weak, for thy pity we plead;
grant us the shield of thy sovereign
protection,
measure thine aid by the depth of our
need.

4. Frail is our nature, and strict our
probation,
watchful the foe that would lure us to
wrong.
Succour our souls in the hour of temp-
tation,
Mary immaculate, tender and strong.

5. See how the wiles of the serpent
assail us,
see how we waver and flinch in the
fight;
let thine immaculate merit avail us,
make of our weakness a proof of thy
might.

6. Bend from thy throne at the voice of
our crying, bend to this earth which thy
footsteps have trod;
stretch out thine arms to us living and
dying,
Mary immaculate, Mother of God.

Text: F. W. Weatherell 1829-1903
Tune: LIEBSTER IMMANUEL

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PARISH SYNOD CORNER

Synodality and the margins

Walking together means recognising
that no one has all the answers.
Synodality invites humility—from
leaders and from communities—so
that the Spirit can guide us beyond
our limitations.

Mass Readings: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5,7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, ‘Ask
what you would like me to give you.’ Solomon replied, ‘O
Lord my God, you have made your servant king in
succession to David my father. But I am a very young man,
unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the
midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a peo-
ple so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned.
Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern
between good and evil, for who could govern this people
of yours that is so great?’ It pleased the Lord that Solomon
should have asked for this. ‘Since you have asked for this’
the Lord said ‘and not asked for long life for yourself or
riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a
discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what
you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before
you has had and none will have after you.’

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118(119):57,72,76-77,127-130
Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold.

Lord, I love your commands.

Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come and I shall live
for your law is my delight.

Lord, I love your commands.

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold,
why I rule my life by your precepts,
and hate false ways.

Lord, I love your commands.

Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple.

Lord, I love your commands.

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-
operates with all those who love him, with all those he has
called according to his purpose. They are the ones he
chose specially long ago and intended to become true im-
ages of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many
brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he
called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his
glory.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven
and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of
the kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, ‘The kingdom of heaven is like
treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he
hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and
buys the field.

‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking
for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes
and sells everything he owns and buys it.

‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into
the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the
fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the
good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no
use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will
appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw
them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping
and grinding of teeth.

‘Have you understood all this?’ They said, ‘Yes.’ And he
said to them, ‘Well then, every scribe who becomes a disci-
ple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who
brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.’

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Account Name:
St Mary Star of the Sea Parish
Melbourne West
Ref: Donation type,
e.g. RESTORATION, etc.

OR SCAN QR CODE



FIRST COLLECTION:

BSB: 083 373
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(For the support of the
Priests)

SECOND COLLECTION:

BSB: 083 347
A/C: 64396 1382
(For the Parish expenses)

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Newly Baptised
Vanessa Filoteo
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Joseph Miletic